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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR

SUBJECT: NEED TO MAINTAIN SECRECY RE INTERNAL ASPECTS OF
EAGLE PULL

1. IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH JAPANESE MILITARY
ATTACHE EMBREPS WERE TOLD THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD
BEEN INFORMED BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRY IN TOKYO OF
ALERT GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS AGO TO TWO U.S. MARINE
COMPANIES ON OKINAWA PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN
EVACUATION OF PHNOM PENH, AND HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED
LATER OF THE END OF THAT ALERT. AS A RESULT OF
HAVING RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION, OUR JAPANESE
COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN UNDULY ON EDGE AND WE HAVE
HAD TO CALM THEM.

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2. WE WOULD URGE THAT, WHATEVER IS SAID IN A GENERAL
WAY TO INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF
OUR EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PLAN, ITS INTERNAL DETAILS
NOT BE DIVULGED. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE

MISSIONS OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WHOSE PERSONNEL
FIGURE IN OUR PLAN, WE HAVE NEVER IDENTIFIED ANY OF
THE U.S. FORCES THAT WILL BE INVOLVED, NOR ANY OF THE
OTHER CONCRETE PARTICULARS OF THE OPERATION EXCEPT
SOME SIMPLE STEPS THAT THE PERSONNEL OF OTHER MISSIONS
MUST TAKE IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATION. TO PROVIDE
ANY INTERNAL DETAILS OF THE PLAN OR TO INDICATE INFO RE
ACTIONS UNDER WAY WOULD NOT ONLY RISK JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY
OF THE OPERATION BUT MIGHT ALSO (AS IN THE JAPANESE
CASE UNDER REFERENCE) GIVE OTHER GOVERNMENTS THE WRONG
SIGNALS RE OUR ESTIMATE OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND DAMAGE
THE GKR AT A CRITICAL TIME.

3. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT ADDRESSES TAKE
PARTICULAR CARE NOT TO DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
PLAN ANY MORE THAN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO REASSURE
OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE NATIONALS WOULD PARTICIPATE OR
(AS IN THE CASE OF THAILAND) TO OBTAIN THEIR COOPERATION
IN THE EVENT THE PLAN HAS TO BE EXECUTED.

4. WE ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH ON A CONTINUING BASIS WITH
ALL OF THE MISSIONS CONCERNED AND WILL TELL THEM ALL
THEY NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT CINCPAC DISTRIBUTE THIS MESSAGE
TO SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AS APPROPRIATE.
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